# NEWS FROM THE SCHOOLS

## Brighton Polytechnic

### MA in information studies

The MA in Information Studies is a part-time, post-experience, degree for information workers who wish to update their present skills and knowledge in this fast developing area. It is intended for people already working in an information environment, who wish to expand their range to encompass the newly-emerging areas in the organisation and management of knowledge, and for those already working in these areas who are looking for a more formal framework to amplify and extend their current activities.

The MA aims to provide an arena for students to develop their understanding as information professionals, and the ability to apply this understanding in an innovative manner in the work organisation.

### Course structure

The course consists of a series of self-contained modules, made available over a two year period. Each module requires full-time attendance over a central five-day week of formal teaching, and includes preparatory and follow-up work carried out in students' own time.

The course culminates in a substantial final project which brings together the various module strands within a practical context. The project will normally be based in the work organisation on a topic agreed between the student, the employer and the Polytechnic.

### Timespan: 2–5 years

Ten modules must be completed within four years (and may be completed within two years). The final project must be completed within five years of starting the course.

Modules are currently available in:
Philosophy of Information Science
Information Retrieval
Information Networks
Managing Change in the Information Environment
Knowledge Based Systems

Information Policy
Information Management
Collection Studies
Information Dynamics in Organisations
Human Centred Systems
Research Methods in Information Systems

*Entry requirements*:

The normal entry requirements are an honours degree, together with appropriate experience in an information context. Students will normally be expected to support course work by current employment in an information environment.

*Current fees*:

Standard part-time student fee: GBP 600 per year
(Options are available for paying pro rata per module for those taking modules over more than two years.)
   For further course details and an application form, contact:

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*Course dates for 1991*

The first intake for the course will be in May 1991:

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| Registration and induction | May 23/24 |

Full time teaching weeks:

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| Philosophy of Information | July 15–19 |
| Information Retrieval | Sept 16–20 |
| Information Networks | Nov 11–15 |
| Research methods (part 1) | Jan 2–3, 1992 |

Applications should be made as soon as possible.